GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Development of Sports Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for grant of financial assistance for the development of sports infrastructure and procurement of sports equipment for schools/colleges in rural areas of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds granted to schools/colleges under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the number of schools/colleges which received such grants during the said period, State/UT-wise;
(d) the criteria adopted for grant of such financial assistance; and
(e) whether the Government proposes any policy to introduce training for sports right from the primary education level and if so, the details thereof?
ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *219 FOR 16.03.2017 ASKED BY DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN AND SHRI P. NAGARAJAN, MPs, REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE.
(a) to (d) A Scheme called "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" is being implemented by this Ministry as a Central Sector Scheme from the current financial year 2016-17. The Scheme, inter-alia, provides for creation of sports infrastructure, namely, Synthetic Athletic Track, Synthetic Hockey Field, Synthetic Turf Football Ground, Multipurpose hall, Swimming pool, etc. This scheme is applicable all over India.
A Central Sector Scheme, namely, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) was implemented by this Ministry with effect from the year 2010-11 to 2015-16 which provided for creation of sports infrastructure facilities, namely, Synthetic Athletic Track, Synthetic Hockey Field, Synthetic Turf Football Ground and Multi-purpose hall to States/UT. Proposals under these schemes are demand driven. Those proposals which are complete in all respects are sanctioned and funds released.
Under these schemes, one of the eligible entities is School, Colleges and Universities under Central/State Governments. Details of funds released to schools/colleges during the last three years under the erstwhile USIS and funds released during the current year 2016-17 under Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure − I.
A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Panchayat Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) was implemented by the Ministry from 2008-09 to 2013-14. This scheme inter-alia provided for development and maintenance of playgrounds at Village and Block Panchayat levels. Under the Scheme, a total of 5764 playfields were developed in the year 2013-14, including playgrounds in Schools.
There is/was no specific provision for release of grant for schools/ colleges procurement of sports equipments in any of the above Schemes.
(e) To supplement the efforts of the Government of India through MYAS, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to scout and nurture sports talent in the various age groups ranging from 8-25 years (sub junior, junior and senior) to compete at National and International level competitions :
? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) − 8 to 14 years
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) − 8 to 14 years
? SAI Training Centre (STC) − 10 to 18 years
? Special Area Games (SAG) − 10 to 18 years
? Extension Centre of STC/SAG- 10 years-18 years
? Centre of Excellence (COE) − 12 to 25 years
? National Sports Academies (NSA) − 12 to 25 years
From the above schemes, the NSTC and ABSC scheme envisage induction of sports persons from 8 years onwards i.e. from the primary school level. Similarly, under the STC/ SAG and Extension Centre of STC/ SAG Centre scheme admit talent at the age of 10 years onwards. Therefore, most of the SAI schemes provide for identification and nurturing of sports talent from the primary school level.
For this purpose, SAI has established 10 Regional Centres and 02 educational institutions to implement the above sports promotional schemes in the country through 290 SAI sports centres. Presently, 13684 talented sports persons (9653 boys and 4032 girls) are being trained in 27 sports disciplines.
The selected trainees are provided with the facilities in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.
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